



Attorney's Docket No. 3789

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Metal-Backed Printing Blanket

The specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on 08/21/2003 as United States Patent Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/645,106
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed		
<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>(Application Number)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

<u>(Application Number)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status -- patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s), with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Attorney's Docket No. 3789**ASSIGNMENT**

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid to the undersigned, each of the undersigned, Ivanis Silvia Romane et al. Puerto Zepi, agrees to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to Reeves Brooks, Inc., whose address is Hanover 29 South, Spartanburg, South Carolina, a corporation of Delaware, (hereinafter "Assignee") the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America, its territories, dependencies and possessions, and all foreign countries, to the invention, and all applications for patent and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, known as

for which the undersigned have executed/has an application for patent in the United States of America on _____
Serial No. _____

1) The undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing or divisional or related applications thereto and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient or essential to its full protection and title is and to the invention hereby transferred.

2) The undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or continuation or division or related thereto and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

3) The undersigned agrees to perform all other acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

4) The undersigned agrees to communicate to the Assignee or representatives thereof any facts known to me respecting the invention and improvements thereof, and will, upon request, but without expense to me, testify in any legal proceedings regarding the invention.

5) The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application or any division or continuation or related applications thereto to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict therewith.

6) The undersigned hereby grants the firm of DOUGHERTY, CLEMENTS & HOFER the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document.

7) This Agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, successions, and shall be to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the Assignee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment was executed by the undersigned on the date opposite the undersigned name.

Date <u>09/19/03</u>	inventor <u>J. Ivanis Silvia Romane</u>	Witness <u>Reeves Brooks, Inc.</u>
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Metal-Backed Printing Blanket

for which the undersigned have executed/filed an application for patent in the United States of America on _____
August 21, 2003, Serial No. 10/645,106.

- 1) The undersigned agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing or divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient or essential to its full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.
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